

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>
	10/689,496	LINDER ET AL.
	Examiner My-Trang N. Ton	Art. Unit 2816

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1.  This communication is responsive to \_\_\_\_\_.

2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-56.

3.  The drawings filed on 20 October 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.

4.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)  All    b)  Some\*    c)  None    of the:

1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.

3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5.  A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

6.  CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached

1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

(b)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

7.  DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

#### Attachment(s)

- 1.  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2.  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3.  Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date 07/12/04
- 4.  Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
- 5.  Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6.  Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7.  Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- 8.  Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- 9.  Other \_\_\_\_\_.

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7/12/04

### **Reasons for allowance**

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The present invention is drawn to a high-performance track and hold circuit utilizing an input circuit, first means, second means, third means, a level shifting circuit, a current switching circuit, first- third current sources, an input buffer circuit recited in claims 1-56. None of the prior art disclosed or suggested to show the particular structure and/or the particular operation recited in these claims namely: "first means for applying a first current to said node N1 during a first mode of operation but not during a second mode" and "second means for applying a second current to said node N1 during both of said first and second modes" in combination with "the input circuit" as recited in claim 1; the combination of "the input circuit", "the level shifting circuit", "the current switching circuit .... apply said first current to said node N2 during a hold mode" and "the second current source for applying a second current to said node N1 during both of said track and hold modes" as recited in claim 33; the combination of "the input buffer circuit", "the level shifting circuit", "the current switching circuit ... during a hold mode", "the second current source ... during both of said track and hold modes", "the capacitor circuit", "the differential amplifier circuit ... a second control signal" and "the switching circuit ... close and open" as recited in claim 42; the combination of all the method steps as recited in claim 56.

The prior art references submitted by the applicant on IDS form received on 10/20/03 was reviewed and considered. These references appear to be the best references with respect to the claimed invention and closely matched most of the references found during the examiner's searches. However, as noted above, the combination of all the

limitation recited in claims 1, 33, 42 and 56 is not disclosed. Therefore, the claims are patentably distinct over all these prior art references of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to My-Trang N. Ton whose telephone number is 571-272-1754. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00 a.m - 5:30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Timothy Callahan can be reached on 571-272-1740. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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